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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., April 18, 2008 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.45 million cattle on feed on April 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was down 1 percent from last year but 2 percent above April 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 360,000 head, up 3 percent from 2007 and 7 percent above March 2006.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 390,000 head, up 5 percent from both last year and two years ago. This ties March 2000 for the highest March marketings since the series began in 1993. Other disappearance during March totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 during March 2007 and 15,000 during March 2006.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

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